

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. Claims 1-18 are rejected by this Office Action. The Applicant previously filed a preliminary amendment to amend the title to **"A GOAL BASED SYSTEM TAILORED TO THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A PARTICULAR USER"**. The Applicant also filed an IDS on February 7, 2002.

Typographical Errors

The Applicant has amended claims 2-9 to change "A method" to "The method" and "a presentation" to "the presentation" to correct typographical errors relating to antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claim 5 to depend from claim 4 to provide a proper antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claims 11-18 to change "An apparatus" to "The Apparatus" and "a presentation" to the "presentation" to correct typographical errors relating to antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claims 8 and 17 to change "user responses" to "the user responses" to correct typographical errors relating to antecedent basis. The Applicant has amended claim 10 so that the steps are referred as (a)-(f).

Other Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1 and 10 to distinguish different types of information, specifically, "goal-related information", "user-related information", and "instruction-related information". Claims 1 and 10, as originally filed, support the amendment in that none of the references to "information" do not include the article "the" or "said".

Moreover, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 10 to clarify that "the user-related information" is from "user responses".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §101

Claims 1-18 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 USC §101. The Office Action alleges that "Claims 1-18 are not claimed to be practiced on a computer, therefore, it is clear that the claims are not limited to practice in the technological arts." To clarify that claims are limited to practice in the technological arts, the Applicant has amended claim 1 so that the preamble

states, “A method for creating a presentation **on a computer system**” and has amended claim 10 so that the preamble states, “An apparatus that creates a presentation **on a computer system**”. (Emphasis added.) As amended, claims 1 and 10 are limited to practice in the technological arts.

The Office Action further alleges that claims 1-18 are not “limited to practical applications in the technological arts.” Specifically, the Office Action alleges that “ ‘information indicative of a goal’ references are just such abstract ideas”. The Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the feature of “receiving-related goal-related information indicative of a goal, **the goal-related information specifying one or more learning objectives of the presentation, the goal being associated with a training objective**” in order to clarify what is being claimed, which is not abstract but which is useful, concrete, and tangible. Similarly, the Applicant has amended claim 10 to include “a memory that stores goal-related information under the control of the processor, the goal-related information specifying one or more learning objectives of the presentation, the goal being associated with a training objective”. Thus, the Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 1 and 10.

Claims 2-9 and 11-18 depend from independent claims 1 and 10 and thus contain statutory subject matter. The Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 2-9 and 11-18.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

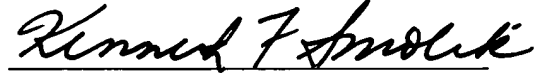
Claims 1-18 are rejected by the Office Action under 35 USC 112, first paragraph “because current case law (and accordingly, the MPEP) require such a rejection if a 101 rejection is given”. As discussed above, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 10 and believes that claims 1-18 contain statutory material under 35 USC §101. Thus, the Applicant requests reconsideration of claims 1-18.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections have been addressed. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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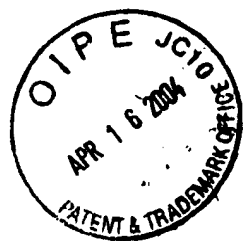
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